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REMARKS

Claims 2, 3, 7 and 8 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 11 and 12 were previously canceled. By this Amendment, claims 1, 4-6, 9 and 10 are amended. Claim 1 is amended by incorporating the limitations of the claims 2 and 3. Claim 6 is amended by incorporating the limitations of the claims 7 and 8. Claims 4 and 5 are now dependent from amended claim 1. Similarly, claims 9 and 10 are now dependent from amended claim 6. New claims 13- 30 are added. No new matter has been added. For example, claim 13 incorporates the various limitations in claims 1 and 3. Similarly, claim 26 incorporates the various limitations in claims 1, 2 and 3.

Reconsideration in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

1. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Office Action's indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 5 and 8-10 if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 USC § 112. However, for the reasons set forth below, Applicants respectfully assert that all of the claims are directed to allowable subject matter and that the application is in condition for allowance.

2. Drawings

The Office Action objects to the defect of Figure 3b. Figure 3b is amended to obviate the objection. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the objection to the drawings.

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3. Claims 1, 2, 4, 6 and 7 are not anticipated by Gambini USP 6,371,304.

Since claims 2, 4 and 7 are canceled, therefore, rejections to claims 2, 4 and 7 are now moot. Claims 1 is amended by incorporating the limitations of the allowable subject matter of claim 3. Claim 6 is amended by incorporating the limitations of the allowable subject matter of claim 8. The amended claim 1 is not identically taught or described in **Gambini**; therefore the amended claim 1 can not be anticipated by the cited reference. Claims 4 and 5 depend directly from amended claim 1 and therefore, incorporates all the limitations of claim 1. Since amended claim 1 is not anticipated by **Gambini**, thus dependent claim 4 and 5 are not anticipated.

Similarly, the amended claim 6 is not identically taught or described in **Gambini**; therefore the amended claim 6 can not be anticipated by the cited reference. Claims 9 and 10 depend directly from amended claim 6 and therefore, incorporates all the limitations of claim 6. Since amended claim 6 is not anticipated by **Gambini**, thus dependent claim 9 and 10 are not anticipated.

Applicant believes that this rejection is in error and should be withdrawn.

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CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of claims 1, 4-6, 9, 10, 13-30 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance; the Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Two months extension of time is believed to be required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees associated with this or any other communication, or credit any over payment, to Deposit Account No. 09-0525.

Respectfully submitted,

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